



The HERON

Bimonthly Newsletter of the Fond du Lac County Audubon Society

MAY BANQUET



Wednesday, May 13, 2009

A Kite's View of Wisconsin

Speaker: Craig Wilson, Photographer and Author

See a treasure of magical images taken from a remote control camera attached to a kite. Truly from a bird's eye perspective at medium altitude, Wilson's stunning kite aerial photography has been exhibited throughout the world.



Annual Banquet

Wednesday, May 13

UW-Fond du Lac, Commons Room 114

5:30 pm Social/Cash Bar/Photo Judging

6:30 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Program

Menu catered by Linstrom's Catering:

Beef Stroganoff, Vegetarian Lasagna, Twice Baked Potatoes,

Italian Salad, Green Beans Almandine, Lemon Mousse.

\$20.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Cash Bar.



BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Complete this form and mail by May 9 with check to:

Ken Fisher, 602 Ruggles Street

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

or call Ken: 921-0366

or email: kjfish@sbcglobal.net*

Number of people: _____

Name(s): _____

Amount Paid: _____

\$20.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Make checks payable to Fond du Lac Audubon. *If responding via email, bring check to banquet. Program only: \$5 donation.



East Greenway Events

Join ParkWatch for Trail Event – June 6 is National Trails Day. ParkWatch will sponsor an open trail event at the East Greenway. Arrive any time from 9 am to 1 pm. Activities for children will include a scavenger hunt on the trail and a free nature craft.

Eradicate Invasives – Pull garlic mustard on Saturday, April 25 and May 30 from 9 to 11 am. Meet on the west side of the south Pick 'N Save parking lot on Pioneer Road. Bring gloves, a small digging tool, and a kneeling pad.

Book Review—Birdwatcher, the Life of Roger Tory Peterson

I just finished reading, and thoroughly enjoyed, a new book entitled *Birdwatcher, The Life of Roger Tory Peterson*. So many of us have used the Peterson field guides, but may not know much of the story behind them. Here was truly the man that helped the general public to appreciate the world of birds and nature. In the process of raising public awareness, a great deal was done to save bird species from extinction and to improve the environment.

The author, Elizabeth Rosenthal, has created perhaps the most definitive account of Peterson's life, ambitions, talents, and accomplishments. The book is crafted in a clever way that draws on analogies from the life of birds and uses bird tracks as dividers within the chapters. The impressive list of interviews, and gathering of materials from letters, documentaries, etc. resulted in a book that leaves few stones unturned and imparts a feeling of knowing Roger Tory Peterson on a personal level. Much of the story is told directly by the people who were closest to him and includes many anecdotes and a picture section. The reader gets to follow Roger on his many journeys to observe, draw and photograph birds all over the world. As you will learn, there was so much that he accomplished, but also so much more that he wanted to do. He was a man with a mission right up to the day he died.

I encourage you to add this book to your reading list and your library. For more information or to order, check this web site: www.petersonbird.com.

—Diana Beck

AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS



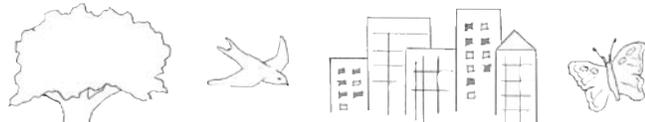
Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping

Join us on Saturday, August 1, from 9:30 am to noon for a tour of Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping in Campbellsport. Owner Connie Ramthun will provide a tour of the native prairie plant nursery. Afterwards, walk the three quarter mile woodland hill trail, and if you desire, eat a sack lunch on Connie's patio. Meet at the UW-Fond du Lac campus main entrance parking lot near the picnic shelter to form a car pool at 9:30 am. Wear walking shoes, a hat, and bring water, sun screen, insect repellent, and a sack lunch if desired. Visit the Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping website for more information: <http://www.kmnnaturallandscaping.com/index.htm>.

Legend Lake Canoe Trip

Join us on Saturday, August 29 for an all day canoe trip on Legend Lake. Ken Fisher will be our host. See eagles nesting and fishing as you follow Ken around the lake for a four hour canoe trip. Portage over a large dam and a beaver dam before ending at the Fisher cottage where we will enjoy a potluck before heading home around 6 pm. Meet in the Kohl's parking lot at 6:45 am for a caravan to Ken's cottage. We will leave Fond du Lac at 7 am and arrive at 9 am. Ken will then lead the caravan from his cottage to the start point on Legend Lake. Bring lunch and beverages for the canoe trip, and food for a potluck afterward at the Fisher cottage.

Contact Kathleen Stetter (Stetter@centurytel.net or 920-872-2250) if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.



Zoopolis Tour

Nature in the City

Tuesday, August 4 • Fond du Lac

Rain date: Wednesday, August 5

1-8 pm Ticket Price: \$10

ParkWatch presents a tour featuring seven private yards that encourage bio-diversity and wildlife habitat. See woods, prairie, ponds, birdscaping, and butterfly gardens. Profits will be used for habitat restoration and building trails in the city parks, open spaces, and along the rivers.

Purchase tickets in the Education Office in the UW-FdL Administration Building and at the Fond du Lac Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. Tickets can also be purchased at the sites:

Jim Cooley—361 5th Street
Mary Ellen McMeen—384 East 9th Street
Theisen Arboretum—Mequon Avenue
Carol and Lewis Smith—790 Hampton Avenue
Linda and Roger Sarauer—N5868 Grandview Road
South Lake 4-Plex Condo Association—South Lake Circle
Lori Amend and Jeannie Wachs—583 Morris Street

*For more information, call 920-922-7931
or email: dbeck7931@charter.net.*

Volunteers Needed for Prairie Fest and Zoopolis Garden Tour

Volunteers are needed to be at the Audubon table at Prairie Fest on Saturday, July 25.

Volunteers are also needed for the Zoopolis tour on Tuesday, August 4. You will have a two and a half hour shift at one of the garden sites, either from 12:45-3:15 pm or 3:15-5:45 pm and 5:45-8:15 pm. Volunteers will receive a free ticket.

To volunteer for either of these events, please contact Diana Beck at 922-7931 or email: dbeck7931@charter.net.

Prairie Fest on Saturday, July 25

Join the family festivities at Prairie Fest at UW-Fond du Lac. Indoor and outdoor activities include presentations, entertainment, a run/walk, prairie tours, arts and crafts, a plant sale, and kite building and flying.

Visit or work a shift at the Audubon booth. Entries in the Audubon photo contest will be on display. We will have a magazine exchange, so save your nature magazines and bring them to donate!

Join Audubon in two exciting workshops:

The Attentive Eye – Keeping a Nature Journal *(for adults and high school students)*

Why keep a nature journal? What might it be like? In this workshop, we'll consider these questions, look at examples, practice observation skills, and share what we have created. Bring paper, notepad/notebook, and writing or drawing implements.

Time: 10 am – noon; **Presenter:** Judy Barisonzi, retired professor of English at UW Colleges

Detective Journalling – Seeing the Invisible *(for youth in grades 4-6)*

In this workshop we will look for the secrets of nature hidden in plants. We will draw and write about an entire plant: what it looks like now (summer), what it will look like later (winter), and what chews on it or lives inside it. Bring paper, pen or pencil, markers or crayons.

Time: 1 – 2 pm; **Presenter:** Bob Hasman, retired professor of English at UW Colleges

Audubon Spring Photo Contest

Get out your cameras! Entries will be accepted up until the Audubon Annual Banquet on May 13. The four categories are: Audubon Activities, Birds, Wildflowers/Natural Landscapes, and Wildlife/Other.

Audubon members may enter up to four 8x10 photos in any combination of these four categories. A caption and date of photo should be attached to each. Photos should have been taken during 2007 to 2009. The photographer's name, address and phone number should be attached to the back.

Judging will again take place by members at the annual banquet in May. All photos will be exhibited at Prairie Fest on July 25, after which the photos may be reclaimed.



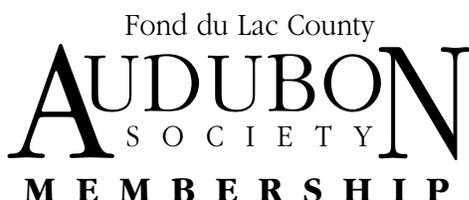
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Special Introductory 1 Year Membership: \$20
Special Introductory 2 Year Membership: \$35
Special Introductory 1 Year Senior Membership: \$15

- Yes!** I want to become a member of the National Audubon Society, and the Fond du Lac County Chapter. My annual membership dues entitle me to six issues of Audubon magazine, and all chapter benefits. I am enclosing a check payable to:
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY.
- I am not a member of National Audubon, but I am interested in receiving the chapter newsletter, *The Heron*, to stay informed of chapter activities. I have enclosed \$4.00 payable to:
FOND DU LAC COUNTY AUDUBON.
(Fee covers printing and mailing for a year of issues.)

Name

Address

City State Zip

Mail this form with payment to:
Fond du Lac County Audubon, Membership Services
W4148 Kiekhaefer Parkway, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Audubon Reminders

- Rain barrels are available for purchase. Contact Ken Fisher: 921-0366 or email: kjfish@sbcglobal.net.
- While you are outdoors this spring and summer, keep the Wild Feast potluck in mind. This delicious event will take place on the second Wednesday in September. Wild edibles from this summer can be frozen until the potluck.
- Please remember Fond du Lac County Audubon Society in your estate planning, legacy, memorials, or special donations.

Thank You!

Speakers

Stacy Craig, Environmental Education Coordinator, Loonwatch Program, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin – *Loon Talk* (March)

Brad Koele, Wildlife Biologist, Wisconsin DNR–*Wildlife in Urban Settings* (April)

Hospitality/Refreshments

Lin Morris, Ted Morgan and Julie Hellwig (April)

Door Prize Donations

Ken and Bev Fisher and Mary Ellen McMeen (April)